Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the title as follows:

THIN-FILM MAGNETIC HEAD ~~AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING SAME~~HAVING A MAGNETISM INTERCEPTING LAYER PROVIDED BETWEEN READ HEAD AND WRITE HEAD

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 10, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Performance improvements in thin-film magnetic heads have been sought as ~~areal~~ the recording density of hard disk drives has increased. Consequently, in place of thin-film magnetic heads incorporating an induction-type electromagnetic transducer that performs reading and writing, composite thin-film magnetic heads have been widely used. A composite head is made up of a combination of a write (recording) head having an induction-type electromagnetic transducer for writing and a read (reproducing) head having a magnetoresistive (MR) element for reading.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 18, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Reference is now made to FIG. 11 and FIG. 12 to describe examples of the configuration of related-art composite thin-film magnetic heads. FIG. 11 is a cross section of one of the examples of the configuration of the thin-film magnetic heads wherein a single layer functions as both one of shield layers of a read head and a magnetic pole layer of a write head that forms one of the magnetic poles. FIG. 12 is a cross section of the other of the examples of the configuration of the thin-film magnetic heads wherein a write head and a read head are separated.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 26, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Since such problems have frequently arisen, the configuration of thin-film magnetic ~~head~~ heads in which the write head and the read head are separated, as shown in FIG. 12, have been adopted again.

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